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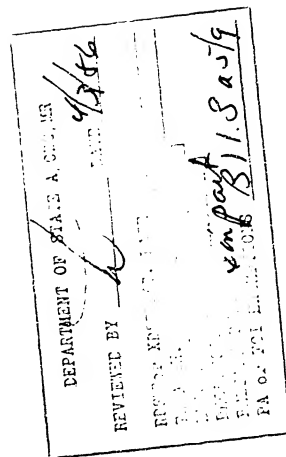
SUBJECT: WFP AFGHAN REFUGEE PROGRAM, PAKISTAN:  
PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY INFANT FEEDING

REF: (A) ROME 05266 (NOTAL)

(C) ENTIRE TEXT.

SUMMARY. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME IF THERE IS  
A QUOTE VITAL NEED UNQUOTE TO UNDERTAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY  
FEEDING PROGRAM FOR INFANTS IN AFGHAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN  
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TO BEST  
OF OUR KNOWLEDGE GOP IS UNAWARE OF TRIAL FEEDING  
PROPOSALS. WFP DEPUTY REP-ISLAMABAD HAS ALSO HAD  
NO COMMUNICATION FROM ROME RE SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING  
PROPOSALS. WE SUPPORT PROPOSED TRIALS IN REFUGEE  
VILLAGES BUT BELIEVE IT BEST THAT WFP PROPOSE AN

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OVERALL 1984 PROGRAM BEFORE ANY DECISION ON SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING IS MADE. END SUMMARY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS OF REFUGEES (PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN, INFANTS) WAS DISCUSSED

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TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO SUCH REDUCTION HAS TAKEN PLACE NOR IS ANY PLANNED. INDEED, THE TERMS OF THE 1984 PROGRAM ARE STILL NOT SPECIFIED. THEREFORE THE STATEMENT THAT THERE IS A QUOTE VITAL NEED TO UNDERTAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM FOR INFANTS  
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IN REFUGEE CAMPS UNQUOTE COMES AS A SURPRISE TO US.  
NUTRITIONISTS AND HEALTH WORKERS CONTINUE TO REPORT MINIMAL NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS AMONG AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. INFANTS THEORETICALLY NOW RECEIVE FULL ADULT RATION OF 500 GRAMS WHEAT, 30 GRAMS OSM AND 30 GRAMS OIL. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE QUANTITY OF FOOD COMMODITIES REACHING THE CAMPS IS ADEQUATE TO PREVENT MALNUTRITION, PROVIDED IT IS DISTRIBUTED AND CONSUMED PROPERLY.

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REFTEL, WE SUPPORT CONCEPT OF SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING TRIALS AND COULD, IF FINDINGS OF CDC REPS ARE FAVORABLE.

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VEN ENVISION RECOMMENDING A WELL-MANAGED TARGETED PROGRAM OF SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING IN CAMPS TIED TO HEALTH AND NUTRITION EDUCATION. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE MORE ANALYSIS AND COORDINATED PLANNING MUST PRECEDE ANY SUCH PROGRAM.

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